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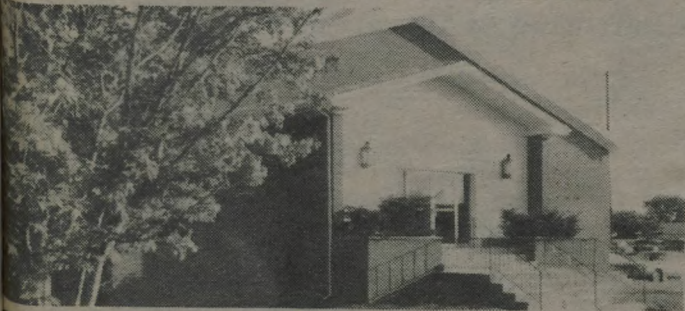
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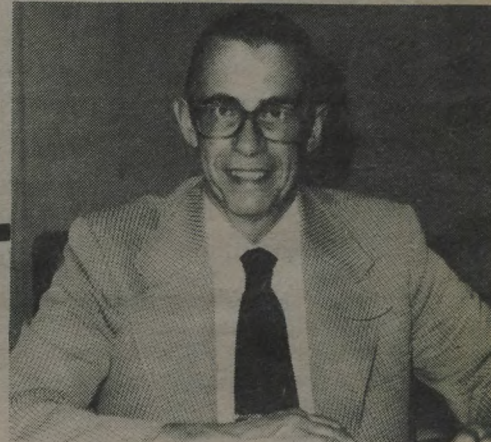


55th Annual Conference

October 18-19-20 "Our Baptist Heritage"

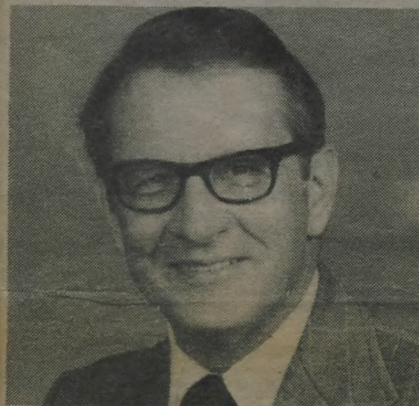


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3417 Palmetto At Derrer Rd.
Columbus, Ohio



Pastor William E. Abernathy

Conference Speakers



Dr. Ernest Pickering



Dr. Allan Lewis

Immanuel Baptist Church

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William E. Abernathy, Pastor

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name!

"Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law."

These words of Moses, recorded in Deuteronomy 31:12, present to us the PURPOSE of our annual conference... the gathering together of those who want to hear God's Word, learn, fear the Lord, and obey Him! We at Immanuel Baptist Church are happy to host such meetings, and to be a part of them.

This verse also speaks of the PEOPLE of the conference (except for "stranger", because no one attending will be a stranger for long). We will have something special for everyone. You can see from the program the good things which have been prepared for men and women. But we have not forgotten the children! Nurseries will be provided at all services. On Tuesday we are planning a "children's church" type of program for the children just above nursery age.

Our facilities are not new, but they are adequate and very practical. We have praised the Lord for them many times during the past years. We are "fixing" up, painting, cleaning up (and even throwing out) to make you as comfortable as possible during your stay with us.

Our State Representative tells me that he wants to "pack us out" with people during the conference. Brothers and sisters, we are willing! We hope to keep the choir loft full, put chairs in the aisles, and fill up all of our space with people who have come to hear God's Word!

We hope that all of you can come, for at least a part of the time.

Sincerely, In Christ,

William E. Abernathy
Pastor

MONDAY — October 18

5:00 P.M. Dinner with new State pastors/staff and wives, council of 12 and wives

7:15 P.M. Song Service and Special Music
Recognition of New Churches
Message — Dr. Ernest Pickering

TUESDAY — October 19

9:30 A.M. Message — Pastor James Jeffrey

10:30 A.M. Message — Dr. Allan Lewis
"From the Horse and Buggy to the Space Age in Missions" (Part 1)

12:00 P.M. Lunch

1:30 P.M. Ladies Missionary Meeting
Men's Hour

"Our Christian Education Heritage"
Our Sunday Schools

Pastor Dick Pettitt

Our Christian Day Schools

Steve Wolgamutt

Our Christian Colleges

Dr. Paul Dixon

3:30 P.M. The Christian & His Finances

Jim Rickard

4:30 P.M. Supper

7:00 P.M. Song Service and Special Music
Camp Presentation
Presentation of New Council
Message — Dr. Ernest Pickering

WEDNESDAY — October 20

9:30 A.M. Message — Dr. William Brock

10:30 A.M. Message — Dr. Allan Lewis
"From the Horse and Buggy to the Space Age in Missions" (Part 2)

11:15 A.M. Message — Dr. Ernest Pickering

12:00 P.M. Dismissal and Lunch

All Roads Lead To Immanuel





The Representative's Spot ●

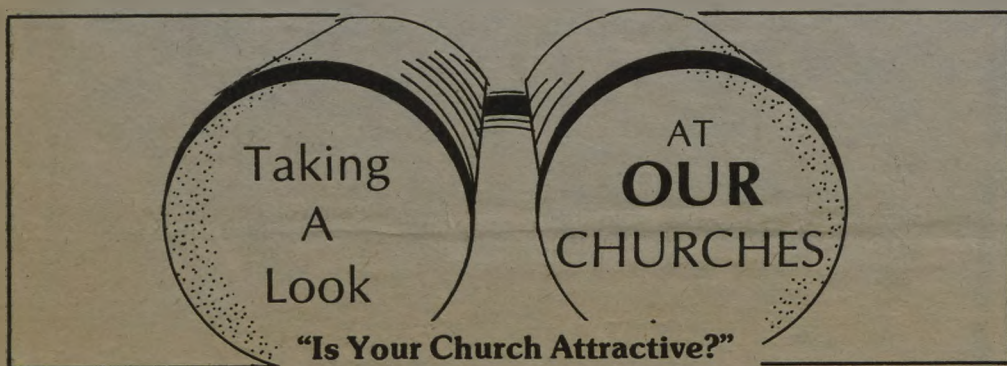
Annual Conference - October 18, 19, 20

I am aware that the front page of this issue gives you all the information but just another quick reference to the Conference.

Pastor Abernathy in his letter of invitation refers to the fact that I want to see Immanuel "packed out." And I do. Not for the sake of "bragging" about attendance. Most of you know me well enough that as a pastor, attendance and numbers were not my "bag." But I believe that churches and pastors in the Association should desire to come to Annual Conference. We presently have 203 churches, some are large, some are small, most are medium size. But all but a few have pastors and some people. Again, if each pastor came, we would have about 200 in attendance. If 1/2 of the pastors' wives just "tagged" along, we would have 300 and so we could go on about numbers. Certainly we should have 500 in attendance. I'm an eternal optimist.

The Conference is presently planned with the Monday evening beginning and the close at noon on Wednesday so that no one will be away from their church a great deal of time and all able to return for Wednesday evening service. Pastor, will you make every effort to attend?

Columbus is an easy drive from any place in the State so that is not a factor this year. Members, encourage your pastor and his wife to attend (even volunteer to baby-sit their children). The cost for the entire 2 days will not be expensive so people, give your pastor a little extra for this time (even though the economy is out of balance). Pastors need this fellowship - they need to visit and talk to others. Our churches need to know what's going on in the O.A.R.B.C.



What About Visitors?

In one of our previous writings, we mentioned that it was our thinking that most of our churches do not expect any visitors to attend. This statement was based on the fact that visitors are not greeted or encouraged.

Let's go a little further. What do you do for visitors who come to your services? How do you treat them? Do you possibly embarrass them or do you possibly almost ignore them?

The extremes. The church that does not even recognize a visitor, has no visitor's cards, and expects the visitor to take the initiative and become acquainted the best way he can. The other extreme - The church that smothers, pressures, urges, begs the visitor, and we could go on.

We hear you. "The size of the church will depend on what is done." That's possible. In the smaller churches, everyone knows everyone so when an unknown face shows up, it has to be a visitor. What then? Does someone greet the visitor, get their name, introduce them to others? That's a beginning. In many smaller works, the pastor does a good job of greeting visitors, getting their name, and then recognizing them in the service. That's a beginning.

All visitors do not have the same personality. Some are shy, others are outgoing. Let's start with a rule (Possibly not just for visitors, but for everything in our services) - **NOTHING SHOULD EVER BE DONE IN A SERVICE THAT WOULD CAUSE ANYONE EMBARRASSMENT.**

Take a look at that rule again. This calls for thinking, planning, courtesy, and consistency. Many churches are so happy to see a new face in the service, they almost go wild. No, let's not do that. Treat visitors wisely. Adults as adults. With courtesy, maturity, and biblical graciousness.

We should again ask the question, what happens to a visitor to your church the moment he opens the door? Are you prepared for him? Will someone greet the visitor, get them familiar with the class if it's Bible School time, take their children to class, introduce the parents with a baby to the nursery attendant? If it is just service time, will the greeter or usher get them into the auditorium, comfortably seated?

All visitors will not fill out a visitor's card. Do you know why? They do not want to be visited the next week. Now we are to a touchy subject. Many of you believe that every visitor must receive a call immediately after attendance. Some of us do not think this is necessary. But that is your plan and decision. I want all visitors to give us a visitor's card. This can only be accomplished if you tell them the purpose of your visitor's card. If it is to visit them, then tell them so. (I believe you should ask if you can visit and not just assume you should go.) Or give them a place to check on the card if they do not want to be visited. (Don't be afraid of doing this.) If the card is just to know who they are and welcoming them to the service, then tell them that. (But don't say this and then use the

I borrow a phrase from another State Representative as he encouraged the churches to send their Pastor to Annual Conference. "A two-day break in the midst of the busy fall season could be a tonic to his soul."

I trust every church in the O.A.R.B.C. will be represented at Annual Conference - Let's pack out Immanuel!

A Word to "New Comers"

On Monday evening, October 18 the Council of 12 and the State Representative host a dinner for those new to the State of Ohio since last Annual Conference. This includes pastors, assistants, and new staff people. These invitations have gone out to each one who know about. If you have been missed or any of your staff has been missed, please call us and let us know. We do want them invited and attending this dinner - Help us out on this!

Income and Support

Since our last issue of the O.I.B. and the highlighting of decreased giving to the O.A.R.B.C., we have not had time to see if any of you are helping with this need. I trust you understand the urgency.

Just a reminder - As you come to Conference, how about bringing a special offering from your church? Not a Conference offering - we need those also - but a special gift to the General Fund. This would possibly get us back to balancing the books. Then put the O.A.R.B.C. on your budget for a monthly gift and send a gift of 22 cents for each issue of the O.I.B. you receive in bundles.

To Be Introduced At Annual Conference Your Council Cares!

Our Ministry

Most of you know that we count it a privilege to minister in your churches. We want to be of help to pastors and churches in the Fellowship.

Please feel free to call or write us - But it should have some advance time unless you have an emergency - Many times we can help you with these if you let us know.

Our schedule thru the remainder of 1982 is full except for possibly a Sunday or two. 1983 also has a number of dates filled.

Attend Annual Conference - Just To Humor Me!!!

card to visit them.) In our church, the visitor's card was to know who they were, to recognize them, and to have a means of giving them a visitor's pack.

What is a visitor's pack? It is a folder designed to hold information about the church, a letter from pastor, the outreach of the church (school, AWANA, etc.) and in our case a cassette tape of a service and message and a songbook. Cost something? Yes, but profitable and impressive. I know a church that along with information gives new visitors a record of their choir. This is not a gimmick. This is to show appreciation of their attendance and at the same time, to make the church and it's total ministry known.

I am somewhat fearful of having visitors stand and introduce themselves. Or have pastor point to the visitor and ask them to stand up. All people do not have the personality to do this. And this could lead to embarrassment. Some churches ask visitors to wear ribbons. That may be acceptable but personally I am averse to ribbons, badges, etc. (Even at Conference this bothers me even though I know it is necessary.)

Have we given you some food for thought? Many of our churches do not plan for visitors. Yet all our churches should. The smaller church can do as much as the large church. An attractive envelope with a welcome logo and inside a letter from pastor and possibly a church brochure and other available printed information, a tract or two, and if you can afford it, a ball point pen with the church name is fine. (Don't put this envelope out indiscriminately. Give it as you recognize visitors from your visitor's cards in the services. People are not embarrassed to have their name read if you are doing it to talk something to them.) If you can't do this, do something, but make it attractive.

Don't embarrass visitors, not even boys and girls. Plan for visitors. Make a beginning no matter what the size of your church. Do it well, be consistent, and use good manners.

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Outdoor Evangelistic Service Emmanuel—Toledo



Approximately 1,000 people gathered for an outdoor evangelistic service held on the parking lot of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio on Sunday evening, August 22. It was a part of "Friend Sunday," a special emphasis encouraging church members to bring unsaved friends to church.

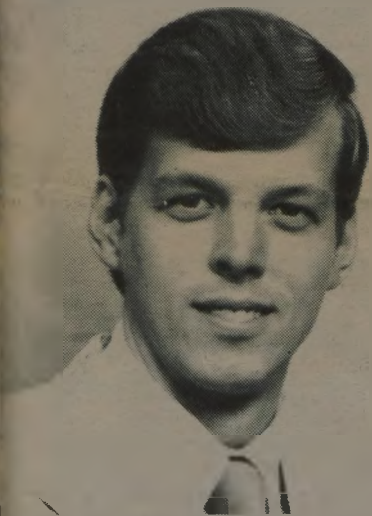
The "King's Brass" was featured along with the church choir. Pastor Ernest Pickering concluded with a gospel message. Neighbors in the area listened from their yards, and a wide radio audience heard as well. One of those responding to the invitation was a man on a bicycle who had stopped to listen. He rode his bike down the aisle to receive counseling from God's Word.

At Grace Baptist Toledo

Pastor Robert G. Perry, and the members of Grace Baptist Church, Toledo, announce the addition of H. Thomas Hamilton to the church staff, as Assistant to the Pastor. Pastor Hamilton's responsibilities at Grace Baptist will be in the area of directing the youth work, which includes the Awana Clubs and Pro-Teens.

Pastor Hamilton's educational background includes Architectural Engineering, and also graduation from Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. He served as Minister of Youth and Christian Education at Calvary Baptist Church, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. Prior to being called to Grace, Pastor Tom was Minister of Youth at Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio.

Although Pastor Tom, wife Jeanne, and new son Richard Ashley (July 20, 1982) arrived on the field, September 4th., they were officially greeted at Grace Baptist after the Sunday evening service, September 19th. The young people of the church planned and executed the 'welcome', that also included a food shower for the Hamiltons.



Tom Hamilton

Faith Baptist-Lakeview



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Texer

Now assisting Pastor Marlin Bowes, Faith Baptist, Lakeview are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Texer. They will be responsible for Bible School, Teaching Training, Joy Clubs, and visitation.

Previous to moving to Lakeview, Mr. and Mrs. Texer were at Grace Baptist Church, Fairview Village, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

The Texters have served with Baptist Mid-Missions as short term missionaries in St. Vincent, Windward Islands, and with F.B.H.M. as interim missionaries in Houston, Texas. Mr. Texer is retired from Western Electric Company. He has studied at Muhlenberg College, Philadelphia School of the Bible, and Moody Bible Institute. Mrs. Texer is a graduate of Temple University and Philadelphia College of Bible.

"Promoting The O.I.B."

"Secret Saints #4 was the title of Pastor W. Paul Jackson's message (Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville.) Onesiphorus was the saint who "often refreshed me", Paul stated in II Timothy 1:6. "What do you think Onesiphorus did to refresh Paul who was in prison?" Pastor asked. "He may have taken him a bar of soap or after-shave or if he was married maybe his wife made him some chocolate chip cookies. **OR MAYBE HE BROUGHT HIM A COPY OF THE 'OIB' or the Baptist Bulletin!**" he added. "Onesiphorus was not only **REFRESHING, BUT RELIABLE and RESOLUTE.**"

New Deputation Secretary Baptist Mid - Missions



Rev. Robert Bymers

Rev. Robert J. Bymers has joined the staff of Baptist Mid-Missions as Midwest Deputation Secretary.

A long time friend of the Mission, Brother Bymers comes with a broad background of experience. He came to the mission from Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa, where he served as Dean of Men and Educational Consultant since 1974.

After earning a Bachelor of Music degree from Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minnesota, he served thirteen years as Associate Pastor with emphasis in Christian education, youth and music; four years as pastor and three years as Executive Director of the Indiana Regular Baptist Camps. He also served as President of the National Regular Baptist Camping Organization. Brother Bymers directed the Informissions program for several years at Crystal Lake Baptist Camp, Warsaw, Indiana.

Bob and Dorothy (Dody) Bymers have five children. Their daughter, Debra, and her husband, Dan Pierce, are appointees to Taiwan with Baptist Mid-Missions. Bob is available to present missions in churches, conferences, camps and schools. He may be contacted at 225 Arlan, N.W., Ankeny, IA 50021 (515) 964-5047.

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'DOLLARS FOR DINNER'

Thanksgiving Food Ingathering

Regular Baptist Children's Agency (RBCA), St. Louis, Michigan, is in need of the enthusiastic support of our constituency churches and individuals to help once again in organizing and promoting the annual RBCA Thanksgiving Food In gathering.

Since postage and distance are prohibitive and prevent many churches from having an opportunity to share in this ministry, we would encourage you and your church to become involved in the DOLLARS FOR DINNER project this Thanksgiving season. In lieu of or in addition to having an actual food ingathering for the RBCA, you may choose to contribute funds designated for the purchase of needed items and save the expense of delivery. Grocery lists, posters and promotional wrappers for soft drink cans or coffee can containers are being mailed to churches for use in collecting these needed fund and organizing this worthy home missions project.

Last year our food bill was reduced considerably because friends of the RBCA gave generously to help this need. Every dollar we do not have to spend for food and supplies can be used to provide a more effective program in meeting each child's special needs.

Regular Baptist Children's Agency

214 North Mill Street
St. Louis, Michigan 48880
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Will you "HELP SPONSOR A CHILD" like Frank? By sending your monthly support of \$25 . . . \$50 . . . \$75 . . . or \$100 per child you will help us minister to the spiritual, educational, social, emotional and behavioral needs of these children.

WE NEED YOU! For enlistment forms to "HELP SPONSOR A CHILD" call us or write to:

NORM BOSWORTH, Executive Director

Regular Baptist Children's Agency
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St. Louis, Michigan 48880
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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Marcia Elmore — Women's Editor



No Leftovers

How often have you gone to the refrigerator and noticed that almost every shelf contained a small covered dish, the contents of which you weren't too sure. Go ahead and acknowledge you know what I'm talking about, you have plenty of company. Possibly one of those little dishes even has that fuzzy green substance growing on it. You've seen that too, haven't you? We've had the best intentions, but in our meal planning the leftovers weren't kept in mind, soon to become spoiled and unuseable.

Many times as the Holy Spirit ministers to our hungry souls, He blesses us abundantly, by setting a tasty and large serving before us. We certainly enjoy this fresh feast and the satisfying fullness that follows. Often we contemplate how we might use what is running over, or who we might be able to share these remaining blessings with. Sad to say, more often than not, we shove this to the back on the shelf of our mind, and staleness sets in.

I have been moved recently that we ought not to treat the ministry of the Holy Spirit so. Being filled by the Spirit as we are commanded to be in Ephesians 5:18, denotes not only a fullness of the Spirit, but also a freshness, as the Christian is admonished in the remaining verses to use up the fullness by giving out to others. A freshness results because of the quick use of the fullness, not giving opportunity for leftovers or staleness in our lives. "... Be filled with the Spirit;" implies a regular, repeated practice, and we can count on God's Precious Spirit always having ample supply.

Being filled by the Spirit will not only profit the individual, but also the home, the job, and the local church will benefit greatly. Recently I heard a quote which stirred my thinking, "When you have a group of Christians not filled by the Holy Spirit, you have organized weakness." This is when complaining, bickering, gossip, etc. enter in. Filled by the Spirit, this same group will have order, and will be asking the Lord "to set a watch on their lips." There is an increased care, love and concern for the body. Much can be accomplished because no one cares who gets the credit. The Godhead will receive proper worship and the cause of Christ and the gospel will be impelled.

The freshness of the Spirit -
How we need this God sent rain;
Not more of Him possessing,
But, He more of us should gain.

Musings Of A Missionary's Mother

Part II

By: Dorothy Keeler, Stryker, Ohio

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Keeler, serving along with her husband, Mel, Representative for Shepherds, Inc., is sharing her hearts thoughts concerning her Missionary Daughter, Kay Hyatt. Remember, we left them in the last edition, at the point of Kay's birth.)

I can remember saying, "God, let her live, she's yours!" About that time, something like the cry of a kitten came from the table. They forgot all about me and began working on a five-pound four-ounce little darling. They rigged up an incubator with a lantern and a roaster pan. The next day my husband got his first look at her. He said she looked like a doll. No eyebrows, no finger or toe nails, her eyes still glued shut, but so beautifully pink and white with a perfectly round head.

In a few days, she became jaundiced and they had to strap her straight because she wanted to jackknife backwards. She lost a pound of weight. Within three weeks, she had gained up to five pounds and we were able to take her home. It seems at each critical point in her life, the doctors were sure she would not live. She began to grow and soon was as normal as the other two.

All of her childhood diseases were hard on her. She ran high temperatures and was delirious at times. At the age of eight, she had a burst appendix, but because of wanting a perfect attendance in school and not wanting to miss the

children's meetings at our church, she faked not being sick. We took her to the doctor three times that week, as he poked and pushed, her face remained stoic. He told her she reminded him of that wooden Indian in front of the restaurant. However, on Friday night at the church, she passed out. We rushed her to the hospital in Sandpoint, Idaho (we were doing home missionary work in Idaho at that time). The doctors decided to operate and found the appendix had burst and rehealed several times and she was filled with peritonitis. The only drugs in the early 50's were sulfa and penicillin and she was allergic to penicillin. We prayed and her life hung in the balance for several days. When she finally recognized me, I could see her lips moving. I bent down and in a very weak whisper, she said,

"Don't worry, Mama, I'm not going to die, I'm going to be a missionary." The greatest peace flooded by soul. I was just sorry her daddy couldn't have been there to hear it. When he came in, I didn't tell him, I couldn't without crying, so she repeated it and we stood with our arms around each other, thanking the Lord that we had given her to Him years before.

Things were fairly normal in Kay's growing up years. The parsonage was always a busy place and our children loved having missionaries, guest speakers and lots of company.

We have been thrilled that although there are eight preachers in our family, Kay, along with Dallas and our four grandchildren, is our first missionary. As we had the privilege of visiting them on the field over a year ago, and stood on that red dirt in Paraguay, where they had cleared the ground for a home and church, then seeing the jungle fast clos-

Women's Harvest Retreat Thursday & Friday, Nov. 11 & 12, 1982

Salt Fork State Park Lodge
Cambridge, Ohio
(614) 439-2751

THEME OF THE RETREAT:

"In Quietness and Confidence Shall Be Your Strength" Isaiah 30:15

SPEAKER:

Mrs. Jeanette Lockerbie, Author of such books as: "The Image of Joy", "Forgive, Forget and Be Free", and several others, Pasadena, California.

PACKAGE PLAN:

Thursday evening dinner.
Friday morning buffet breakfast.
Deluxe motel service, all linen provided.

THINGS TO BRING:

Bible, notebook, bathing suit, personal items, long dress for banquet (optional). Would each church please bring home-made cookies or fresh fruit for evening refreshments. *We would like each church to have a skit, song, poem, ???; for fun time Thursday evening. Please inform Retreat Co-Chairman, Mrs. Priscilla Davis, what your group will be doing.

REGISTRATION:

THURSDAY, 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. (on your own for lunch).

First meeting starts at 1:00 P.M.

Last meeting concludes Friday noon.

RESERVATIONS:

*Total charge per person is \$33.00 for 4 & 5 in a room, \$35.00 for 3 in a room, \$43.00 for 2 in a room. Full amount for each person due when mailing in reservation list. Reservations are transferable within your church.

Some rooms may not be available for occupancy until 1:00 P.M. Those wishing a private room must make your own reservations with the lodge and inform our registrar.

Also, if you plan to arrive Wednesday evening, you must notify our registrar in advance.

IMPORTANT:

Because so many ladies attend this retreat, registration is on a "first come, first serve" basis.

*Reservation list, plus money for each person listed, due by October 25th. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY. Make all checks payable to:

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44121

Annual State Women's Fall Rally

At Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus October 19, 1982 1:00 P.M.

Theme: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." Romans 10:15b

Speaker: Mrs. Mildred Bryant, serving the lord in Jewish Missions, Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Carol Showers, Missionary Appointee to the Mormons will give her testimony.

Ladies, how about coming for the entire day?

Hebron Association Fall Rally

The Women's Missionary Union will meet at the First Baptist Church in Medina, Ohio, at 10:00 a.m. on November 9th. "A Message To Proclaim", has been chosen for the theme of this special day. Miss Ruth Slocum, serving under Baptist Mid-Missions in the Central African Republic, will be the guest speaker.

ing back in, fire ants crawling up our legs and biting, we wondered how anyone could want to live there. Kay looked at me and said, "You know, Mama, this is where the Lord has called us." For a second, my heart sank and then pounded. But soon came the sweet peace of surrender as I gathered her in my arms and told her how happy we were that the Lord had called them.

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Baptist Mid Missions News

Five years ago, for the very first time, Rich and Carol Long preached the gospel through a houseboat ministry in the Warao Indian village of Waranoko in Venezuela's Orinoco Delta.

In 1980, God raised up a gifted Warao couple to be missionaries to their own people. Patetine and his wife, Cenaida. On July 3, 1982, 31 Warao Indians stood up in the meeting place to "put it straight about Jesus." The next morning, 6 more received Christ.

A ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions, the birth of the second Warao church will take place in the coming months.

Baptist Mid-Missions' Bible Institute in Trujillo, Peru, has an enrollment of 65 dedicated students and some 100 more students in other parts of the country are involved in extension courses. Rev. and Mrs. Burnette Taylor and Rev. and Mrs. deRosset work with national personnel in the rapid development of the strategic school.

A practical work "blitz" was carried on by the students just recently in the northern churches. Twenty churches were reached and there were 154 professions of faith and 108 decisions were made by believers. The national churches responded with love offerings which fully covered the expenses of the team.

Rev. Edward deRosset, veteran missionary to Peru under Baptist Mid-Missions, has suffered two light strokes in the midst of a busy schedule of preaching and teaching in the Trujillo Bible Insti-

tute. He was flown to Lima where a specialist was to make further tests.

Baptist Mid-Missions' camping program in the Huaral area of coastal Peru ran for fourteen consecutive weeks this year with "relatively" few problems with grounds, well or lights. There were hundreds of decisions for Christ during the season as over 1,300 campers experienced Christian camping. The camp is a highlight for Peruvians who take the blessings of the season back to their churches.

Cayes Jacmel, a coastal village in southeast Haiti, is the location of a new medical evangelism ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions, an international mission with over 1,100 missionaries.

Dr. Brinson McGowan, missionary director of the clinic, reports that over 7,000 patients have been treated during the past years and that the first local church linked with the medical ministry is flourishing.

The outpatient building is nearing completion and the remaining units of the complex will be built as God supplies the funds.

Rev. Robert F. Rodgers, Chairman of the Board of Editorial Bautista Independiente, the Spanish publishing arm of Baptist Mid-Missions, has announced the selection of the first four books to be published by the Florida-based missionary publishing house: **THE DOCTRINE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH** by Dr. Paul Jackson, **BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES** by Dr. Joseph Stowell, **SEEKING THE LOST** by Dr. Robert Sumner and **PRINCIPLES OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION** by Rev. Otis Pinkston. A nation-wide promotional program is being launched among independent Baptist churches to capitalize this strategic literature ministry.

Jennie Adams, pioneer missionary in Peru's mountain areas under Baptist Mid-Missions, witnesses and teaches and "just loves people" in the out-of-the-way places of northern Peru.

She reports bringing a gravely ill 18 year old girl down to a local hospital after a severe bout with T.B. There, she won an old lady in the next bed to Christ. Nurses told the girl that she was sick because she was an evangelical believer. To this she replied, "I got sick and was sick for four years as a Catholic. I've been a believer for just one year and I'm getting better. But even if I died, I would never renounce the Christ who died for me."

Miss Adams, a tough and seasoned missionary who ought to recognize it when she sees it, wrote of the girl: "She's got grit."

The high school division of the new Fetzer Memorial Christian Academy in Lima, Peru, began on August 11 with eleven enthusiastic MK students. A ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions in Peru, the academy is a pioneer project beginning on a shoestring of ready cash.

Property has been acquired and the first permanent buildings are going up. Grades K-8 will be added in the 1983-84 school year to complete the K-12 system. Career personnel is on the way to Peru to staff the school and mission leaders are presenting the financial needs of the much needed facility to a wide constituency in the United States and Canada.

"Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes He let's the storm rage and calms His child."

THE BUTTON FAMILY FOR KIDS

by PATRICIA CONANT

KNOW WHERE TO FIND IT

"Why the long face, Suzy?" Daddy Button asked as Suzy climbed into the car.

"Mrs. Lynd, my new Sunday School teacher said I didn't know all of my verse," Suzy answered. "Did you know all of it?" Daddy asked. "Yes, I did."

"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee," Suzy spouted.

"That's good Suzy, but where is it found?" Daddy asked.

"In the Bible!" Suzy answered.

"Then you really don't know the whole verse," Bobby said with a grin.

"Bobby's right, honey," Daddy said.

"It's important when you memorize Bible verses that you learn the reference too. Then you'll always know where to find it when you need to."

"Do you remember when we went to New York City to visit Aunt Dee?" Mommy asked.

Suzy nodded.

"I forgot to bring her address," Mommy continued, "and if we hadn't brought her phone number, we could never have found her in that big city. Knowing she lived in New York City wasn't enough."

"I see," Suzy said, "and just knowing my verse was in the Bible wasn't enough either. Next week I will hide my verse and it's address in my heart."

The Bible says:

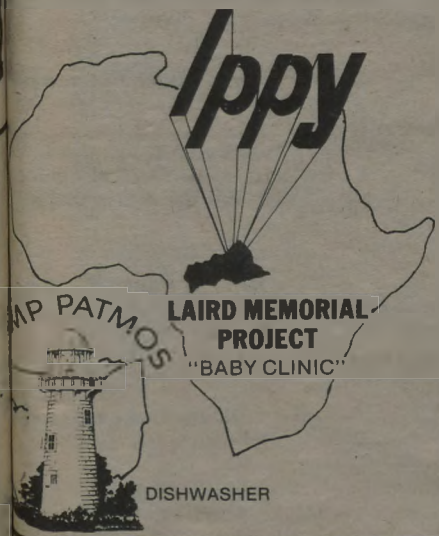
"Search the scriptures . . ." John 5:39



Canton Area Women To Meet

The Canton Area Ladies may be driving down the road along side a horse and bug as they travel to scenic Smithville, Ohio, for their fall meeting. The meeting will be October 26, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 10:00 a.m. Allen and Kathy Beck, Missionaries to Italy, will be guest speakers for the day. In praying and planning ahead for the day, "Approved unto God", II Timothy 2:15, is the theme. Ladies, please be reminded of the object: A full curriculum of ABEKA correspondence materials for Mike and Ma Farrell, Baptist Mid-Missions. Bring a sandwich, salad, dessert, and beverage will be provided.

1983 WOMEN'S STATE PROJECT



Dime Bank Offerings

Make checks payable to **Women's Missionary Union OARBC**, bring to the meeting or send to Mrs. Louise Henry, 7 Rex Lake Rd., Akron, Ohio 44319. **Let's support this years' projects!**

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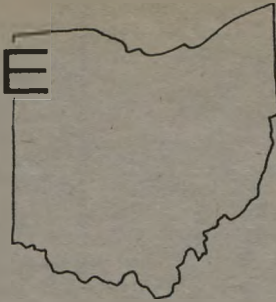
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Happenings

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM YOUR BULLETINS
AND CALENDARS RECEIVED
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AKRON First Sept. 15- Matthew's Family sang and ministered 29- Harvest Time Family Fellowship Dinner Oct. (5 Sundays) Harvest Time Month COMING: Oct. 24-OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY.	Perry Sept. 7- Ladies Missionary Annual Fall Carry-In Dinner 10- Corn Roast 16- Mike Coyle, musical concert soloist and French Horn artist COMING: Oct. 10-13-Fall Missionary Conference with Carl Thomason and Morris Shirk.	DUNDEE Lakeview Sept. 12- Robert Veenhuis, Pastor Peter and Diane Janzen, Trans World Radio Russia Sept. 18- 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Pastor and Mrs. Veenhuis COMING: Oct. 9- Film: "Discipline in the Classroom" 10-Mel Keeler, Shepherds Oct. 31-Nov. 3-Fall Conference with Dr. and Mrs. William Brock
Highview Sept. 18- Adult Choir and Pastor at Haven of Rest Mission 19- Dr. Ed. Morrell, C.O.M.E. Rev. Dick Reed, musician Oct. 3- Deacons and Wives dinner COMING: Oct. 10-Baptist Children's Home slide presentation	Gordon Roloff, pastor Whipple Ave. Aug. 29- Film: "The Family: God's Pattern for Living"-John McArthur, Jr. Sept. 13- Women's Missionary Union Speaker: Lois Russell, Skyview Ranch Sept. 25- Hosted Youth Rally Film: "Ordinary Guy" COMING: Oct. 9-13-12th Annual Missionary Conference Reginald and Ilene Santos, Brazil, Gerald Eaton, church planting, Anne Den Uyl, Togo, West Africa.	ELIDA Faith Sept. 5- Back to School Sunday Film: "Love and Marriage" 12-14- Biblical Living Seminar with Dr. Ewert 15- Missionary Joan Oakland
AMHERST Faith Sept. 19- Maureen Conley-slides of summer ministry in Israel 28- Women's Missionary Union Fall Tea-area churches invited. Speaker: Nancy Knopf, B.M.M. COMING: Nov. 14-18-Evangelistic meetings with Pastor Joseph Chapman	John Moosey, pastor CLEVELAND Cedar Hill Sept. 5- Family Dedication Sunday COMING: Oct. 23-27-Annual Missionary Conference Nov. 7-Grand Rapids Baptist College Sym-phonics Band	ELYRIA Abbe Road Sept. 12- Tom Waldo 19- Round Up Sunday James Turner, pastor First Sept. 14- Women's Missionary Fellowship hosted F.B.H.M. Candidate school for dinner Sept.-Nov.- Stewardship Campaign, "I Love Thy Church" COMING: Nov. 21- Dedication of new building and 146th anniversary
BEDFORD Bible Sept. 9- Ladies Tupperware Missionary Cupboard party 25- All Church Fellowship Night Film: "Sand Castles"	George Hattenfield, pastor COLUMBUS Clintonville Sept. 17, 18- "Marriage Enrichment Film Series" with Dr. Carl Brecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner	FAIRBORN Grand Avenue Sept. 5- Rev. John Lillis 10-11- Stewardship Conference with Dr. William Brock, State Representative Carry-in Dinner COMING: Oct. 13-17-Missionary Conference, "Reaching People-God's Way"
BELLEFONTAINE Calvary Sept. 4- King's Players from Liberty Baptist College presented "Which Way" 12- Dr. Hugh Hall 13- Word of Life "Slurp and Burp" Kickoff Dinner 18- Sunday School Conference	William Abernathy, pastor Immanuel Sept. 12- Thor and Linda Nelson, O.S.U. campus ministry 25- AWANA Southern Conference COMING: October 18-20-O.A.R.B.C. Annual Conference	FAYETTE Ambrose Aug. 15-20- Special meetings with Evangelist Joe Mark. Sept. 26- Film, "Sand Castles" COMING: Oct. 10-Gideon Speaker. 28-Missionary Carl Smith, F.B.H.M.
BEREA Berea Aug. 29- Farewell dinner for Minister of Youth Pastor Tim and Jeane Hamilton Sept. 19-22- Annual Missions Conference, "That All May Know" Bob & Marcia Greene, Appointee to Warao Indians, Venezuela; Bob & Irene Rogers, B.M.M., Florida; Bob & Aloha Vance, Hawaii 20- Ladies Brunch with missionary wives	George Hattenfield, pastor Maranatha Sept. 7- Film: "Sand Castles" 12- Rev. Richard Blanc 15- Rev. Paul Kintner, missionary to Peru under A.B.W.E. 19- 17th Anniversary Sunday Anderson Family in Concert 4:00 P.M.-Dr. Charles Reed, former assistant 26- Farewell for Pastor and Mrs. McCullough, new pastor at Wheelersburg	FINDLAY Calvary Sept. 27, 28- Dr. Lee Roberson COMING: Oct. 15-Sr. High Overnighter Oct. 17-20- Rock Music Seminar with Greg Patten
BERLIN HEIGHTS Berlin Heights Sept. 7- Pastor's Fellowship 22- The Ron Englands, appointees to Hawaii with B.M.M. Missionary Pot-Luck supper	Tom Wright, pastor Memorial Sept. 8- Mr. and Mrs. John Buck, Children for Christ Ministry 12-27- Weekly AWANA Training Sessions 12- Jr. Hi/Sr Hi/Parents time of food and fellowship Oct. 3-31- Fall Enrichment: Weeks, "Christ the Completer" COMING: Oct. 17-Missionary David Bennet, Australia. Oct. 29-31- OLD HOME WEEKEND.	FOSTORIA Fostoria Sept. 14- Day-A-Part for Ladies 19-23- Fall meetings with Gary Collins, magician-"The Great Gospel Message"
BLANCHESTER First Sept. 7- Ladies Missionary Fellowship Speaker: Charles Monroe, Director of Baptist Children's Home of Ohio 19- Professor Mike DiCuirci, Cedarville College 28- Church Skating Party	Leslie Newell, pastor COMMERCIAL POINT Welch Road Aug. 28- Deacons and Wives Breakfast 29- Cantata, "I Love America" Sept. 26- Ron England, B.M.M. missionary to Hawaii Pot-luck/carry in dinner COMING: Oct. 6-TEEN courses begin: "Man in Demand" and "Girls Charm Course"	GALLIPOLIS Faith Sept. 12- Pie Night Sunday 15- Word of Life Night
BLUFFTON Riley Creek Sept. 14- Word of Life Kickoff Banquet for parents and teens 15- Missionary Tom Wagner 19- Fall Sunday School contest, "Scoring for Christ" began 26- Scout Sunday	Ken Floyd, pastor COSHOCTON Calvary Aug. 29- Jerry and Margrit Buining, BMM Jewish Evange- Sept. 12- Bert Kinsey, BMM church planting. Sept. 19- Andrew Wood, Shepherd's Home Sept. 26- Film: "People of Refuge" by Dr. Charles Swindoll. Oct. 2- Special Adult Fellowship. Slides by the pastor.	GALLOWAY Alton Road Sept. 5- Dr. Don Winters 12- Pastor John Lineberry Aug. 22-31- Jon Myers was in Athens, Greece-competed International Transplant Olympics
BOWLING GREEN First Sept. 12-19- Spiritual Life Crusade with Evangelist John Carrara 24- Sunday School Workers Banquet	Larry Engle, pastor CUYAHOGA FALLS Graham Road Aug. 29- Film: "Sand Castles" Sept. 20- Ladies Missionary Meeting Speaker: Mrs. Helen Johnson with slides of China 25- Sunday School picnic	HINCKLEY Hinckley Ridge July 29- Ladies Aid-Mrs. Jean Baughman and Jeff, Hort 21- Missionaries in Nashville, Indiana Sunday School picnic
BROOK PARK Mid-Brook Aug. 29- "Sansbury Sunday" Pot-luck dinner farewell to assistant pastor Marshal Dyer, F.B.H.M. missionary in Texas Sept. 5- AWANA Workers Conference 18- Missionary Bob Vance 26-	Carl Stephenson, pastor DAYTON County Line Aug. 8- Message by Steve Wukmer, student at Mid-Western Baptist College	JAMESTOWN Shawnee Hills Sept. 19- Family Carry-In Dinner 26- 2:00 Afternoon service Pastor Tom Fillingier. COMING: Oct. 20-Mr. Mel Keeler from Shepherds, Inc.
CANTON Grace Sept. 5- Film: "Sand Castles" 12- Allen and Kathy Pick, missionaries to Italy COMING: Nov. 14-19-Evangelistic meetings with Rev. Ken Lynch.	David Culver, pastor DELAWARE Calvary Sept. 19-22- Fall Evangelistic meetings with Dr. Hugh Horner 26- Commissioning Service and reception for Bob Aleshire, BMM Missionary to England	LAGRANGE First Sept. 5- Rev. Ben Jennings 10- F.B.H.M. Appointee Dinner 13, 14- AWANA Training-Ken Starett, AWANA Director LAKEVIEW Faith Sept. 5- Rev. and Mrs. Ron England, appointees Hawaii 11- Senior Citizens' "Kitchen Band" played COMING: Oct. 10- Rally Day with David and Darlene Murdock

LANCASTER
Calvary
 Aug. 29- Kirby Lancaster, pastor
 Rev. and Mrs. Gerret Bruining, missionaries to Jewish people in Iowa with B.M.M.
 Sept. 11- Picnic
 12- "Striving For Mastery" Sunday
 26- Bruce Maddux: report and slides of Quito, Ecuador
 Oct. 1, 2- Couple's Retreat. Speaker: David Warren, Cedarville College
 COMING: Oct. 29, 30-First Annual Father/Son Campout

LEMOYNE
Lemoyne
 Aug. 22- Charles Alexander, pastor
 Rev. Curt Classen
 COMING: Oct. 3-6- Special meetings with Dave Seaver.

LONDON
Grace
 Aug. 8- David Morris, pastor
 Rev. Ben Jennings
 Mr. Charles Monroe, Director of Ohio Baptist Children's Home

LORAIN
Fellowship
 Sept. 15- Frank Chittock, pastor
 Rev. Fred Henzler, F.B.H.M. missionary
 17- Ladies Missionary Fellowship. Speaker: Sylvia Docking from WCRF
 19- Missionary Tom Waldo.

MEDINA
First
 Aug. 29- Max Deffenbaugh, pastor
 Announced 150th year plans
 Family picnic dinner
 Sept. 1- Ron England, missionary to Hawaii
 19- Virgil Riley
 26- Key "150" Campaign with J.O. Purcell
 COMING: Oct. 23-27 31st Annual Missionary Conference
 Dr. William Brock, O.A.R.B.C.
 Rev. Jack McCullough, F.B.H.M.
 Florence Hagen, Cleveland Hebrew Mission
 Louise Winchip, Dessie Scott Children's Home

MINFORD
Grace
 Oct. 3- Harry Ramsey, pastor
 Round-up Sunday
 COMING: Oct. 22-24 Olympians Evangelist Rich Moon
 22-23- Olympians Hot Wheels Rally

MOGADORE
Mogadore
 Sept. 7- Hoyt Douglas, pastor
 Women Bible Seminar began
 12- Testimonies by ladies from Skyview Retreat
 COMING: Oct. 24-Old Fashion Day Sunday.
 Professor Mike DiCuirci, Cedarville College Fellowship Dinner.

NILES
First
 Aug. 29- G. Benn Reed, pastor
 Charles and Babs Anderson, missionaries to France
 Sept. 12- Charles Monroe, Director of Ohio Baptist Children's Home & Ministries

NORTH JACKSON
Baily Road
 Aug. 8- Donald Leitch, pastor
 Pastor Marvin Werbeach

15- Larry Harkleroad
 22- Charles Monroe, Director of Ohio Baptist Children's Home
 28- Corn Roast

NORTH OLMSTED
North Olmsted
 COMING: Nov. 12, 13-Men's Annual Retreat
 Speaker: Pastor Thom Smith
 14-17-Annual Fall Conference with Pastor Smith

NORWALK
Calvary
 Sept. 6- James McClain, pastor
 Annual Sunday School Picnic
 8- Missionary John Abuhl, France
 12- Singspiration
 19- Dr. Gerald Smelser, Cleveland Hebrew Mission

NORWOOD
Norwood
 Sept. 5- Lee Fullmer, pastor
 Evening Service Time change to 6:00 began
 12- Began 8 week Sunday School attendance campaign
 Oct. 2-6- 3rd Annual Faith Promise Missionary Conference with Dr. Austin Plew, president of F.B.H.M.
 COMING: Oct. 31-Nov. 5-Special meetings with Evangelist Ed Morrell

ORANGE VILLAGE
Bethlehem
 Sept. 7- John Fleck, pastor
 Bethlehem Christian Business Women's Dinner
 Speaker: Leonard Mezner
 12-17- Moody Family Conference

PAINESVILLE
Calvary
 Sept. 29- William Plough, pastor
 Special Speaker from Associated Missions
 COMING: Oct. 24-27-Missionary Conference

PATASKALA
Bethel
 Aug. 28- Kenneth Romig, pastor
 Mrs. Romig home, recovering from surgery
 29- Carry-In Dinner-AWANA

PORT CLINTON
Grace
 Aug. 22- Paul Margraff, pastor
 29- Baptismal service at East Harbor State Park
 Don and Lois Moffat-music & slides
 Picnic dinner

PORTSMOUTH
Temple
 Aug. 9-14- Max Sidders, pastor
 Had booth at Scioto County Fair
 15- Rev. John Gowdy
 Sept. 26- Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Kuhns
 Oct. 3- Dr. William Brock, O.A.R.B.C. State Representative

REYNOLDSBURG
Eastbrook
 Sept. 5- Robert Belt, pastor
 Rev. Len Shockey, Hindustan Bible Institute Representative
 17- Patio Party for Adults
 19- Mike Coyle Musical Ministry
 Oct. 3-6- Special meetings with Evangelist Norm Shabugh

SALEM
Calvary
 Aug. - Fred Robb, pastor
 Annual Sunday School picnic
 Bob Stoudt, speaker

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Surprise 34th Wedding Anniversary party for Pastor and Mrs. Robb
 Sept. 5- Joel Rush, church planting in Ohio
 12- Rally Day-Fill-A-Pew Sunday

SPENCER
First
 Aug. 22- John McCourt, pastor
 29- Evangelist Vester Arnold, chalk artist
 Sept. 14- Ordination of Pastor McCourt
 Senior Citizen's Rally

SPRINGFIELD
Southgate
 Sept. 12- John Greening, pastor
 Special Missions presentation by the Andersons and Kellers
 16- Women's Ministries Luncheon, "Celebration of Fall" Speaker: Mrs. Joy Guenther
 25- SWAT Rally with Dee and Deb Jackson, writers and musical artists Speaker: Pastor Greening

STREETSBORO
Faith
 Sept. 19- William Moser, pastor
 Gerringers, A.B.W.E. missionaries to Australia
 Choir Dedication

STRUTHERS
Struthers Tabernacle
 Aug. 8- Jerry Bell, pastor
 Helen Gardner, B.M.M. missionary to Texas
 52nd Anniversary Sunday for church
 Sept. 5- Dr. Gerald Smelser, Cleveland Hebrew Missions

STRYKER
First
 Sept. 15- Henry Halblaub, pastor
 Leonard Mezner, missionary to the Jewish people in Brazil under C.H.M.
 19- Film: "A Living Treasure"
 22- Rev. Tom Baxter, missionary in Iowa
 Oct. 3-8- Revival meetings with Ed Morrell

SUNBURY
Grace
 Aug. 28- Dalvin Cramer, pastor
 Sept. 12-15- All-Church "Castle Trip"
 Revival meetings with Rev. Orlan Wilhite

TALLMADGE
First
 Sept. 10- David Henry, pastor
 26- Annual Corn Roast
 The Gandres', missionaries

TOLEDO
Emmanuel
 Sept. 2- Ernest Pickering, pastor
 Visitation Banquet Speaker: Dr. Dan Gelatt
 Beginning of Balanced Evangelism
 10-11- Men's Retreat Speaker: Rev. Jesse Eaton
 19- Sunday School Kick-Off Banquet
 22- Film: "A Stranger in my Forest"
 COMING: Oct. 15- Mother/Daughter Banquet, "The Radiant Christian Woman"

VAN WERT
Faith
 Sept. 5- Fred Jensen, pastor
 12-15- Stuff the Seats Sunday and Rally Day
 Fall Bible Conference with Ray Dunning

WADSWORTH
Fellowship
 June 26- Tim Wright, pastor
 27- Men and boys fishing trip
 Film: "A Living Treasure"
 July 22- Appalachian Bible College Gospel Heralds
 Aug. 1- Doug Couch, B.M.M.

WARREN
Bethel
 Aug. 22-25-Bible Conference with Rev. Robert DeBoer
 28- Sunday School picnic
 29- Rev. Charles Cuthbertson, F.B.H.M.
 Sept. 5- Rev. Charles Anderson, missionary to France
 19- Rev. Lelan Crofts, Baptist for Israel Institute of Cleveland

WESTLAKE
Grace
 Sept. 15- Ralph Burns, pastor
 Hosted dinner for candidates and staff of F.B.H.M.
 Mission Commissioning Service

WESTERVILLE
Grace
 Aug. 22- Murry Ingerham, pastor
 Sept. 4- General food shower for church needy families
 15- Church picnic
 16- "The Amaze-ing B-Shift Kick-Off"
 Ladies Missionary Fellowship Kick-Off Banquet
 "God's Harvest, The Field-The Word"

"...ye also HELPING TOGETHER by II Corinthians 1:11 PRAYER..."

—ANNUAL CONFERENCE —

- How about emphasizing this between today and October 18?
- Immanuel and Pastor Abernathy and their preparation.
- Election Council of 12
- Attendance
- Offering
- Those participating in the sessions (speakers-musicians-Council members)
- Financial need of O.A.R.B.C. and O.I.B.
- Council of 12 as they prepare for Annual Meeting and the organizing of the Council for next year at the Annual Conference.

—These churches and pastors:

Hinckley-Hinckley Ridge-J. Edmundson
 Homeworth-Mount Pleasant-L. Grosh
 Hubbard-Calvary-H. Varnum
 Huntsburg-Huntsburg-B. Garlich
 Jamestown-Shawnee Hills-W. Campbell
 Johnstown-Independent-M. Clark
 Kent-Grace-W. Ellsworth
 Kenton-Faith-C. Lemaster
 Kirtland-Kirtland Bible-J. Gayer
 LaGranger-First-D. Gilbert
 LaRue-LaRue-K. Kauffman
 Lakeview-Faith-M. Bowes
 Lancaster-Calvary-K. Lancaster
 Lancaster-Faith-G. Davis
 Lemoyne-Lemoyne-C. Alexander

Lima-Berean-J. Lawhead
 Lima-Grace-W. Pack
 Lima-Meadowbrook-R. Gromacki, Interim
 Litchfield-Litchfield-D. Shimp
 London-Grace-D. Morris
 Lorain-Euclid-M. Williams
 Lorain-Fellowship-F. Chittock
 Lorain-West Side H. Reinhold
 Louisville-First-S. Lantz
 Lower Salem-Road Fork-R. Ferguson
 Madison-South Madison Bible-B. Smith
 Marion-Berean-C. Reed
 Marion-Oak Knoll-C. Albertson
 McDonald-First-T. Brennan
 Medina-First-M. Deffenbaugh

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Colonial House	4101 W. Broad St.	276-5111	28.00 (1 per)	36.00 (3 per)	
			32.00 (2 per)	40.00 (4 per)	1.8
Forty Motel	3705 W. Broad St.	276-2691	17.00 (1 per)	27.00 (3 per)	
			20.00 (2 per)	29.00 (4 per)	.9
Red Roof Inn	I-71 S&Stringtown Rd.	875-8543	23.08	26.34	9.5 (Easy)
Holiday Inn No. Vac.	4601 W. Broad St.	878-5301	Standard Double Room	35.00 Double	2.3 (Easy)
			30.00 Single	33.42	6.2 (Easy)
Days Inn	I-270 & Grove City Exit (Route 62)	871-0065	27.99		
Travelodge	1070 Dublin Rd. (Rt. 33 W & Grandview Ave.)	486-0651	30.00 (Discount Available)	36.00	6.0

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NEWS

Cedarville College

Cedarville, Ohio 45314

Fall Quarter Highlights

Cedarville College is praising the Lord for a record enrollment of over 1,700 students. The new 147-bed, three-story dormitory is completed, and another dorm is being renovated to become an infirmary. Preagriculture is a new offering, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program has had more applicants than can be accommodated. Seven new faculty have been hired.

Rev. Joseph Stowell, III was the speaker at the annual Fall Bible Conference, September 27 - October 1. Homecoming is October 16, and Cedarville's first Career Day is slated for October 19. At this time over 40 businesses will be on campus recruiting students.

Cedarville Students Get A's Repaying Loans

Recently the national news media has highlighted our government's crackdown on colleges and trade schools whose students default on National Direct Student Loans. If proposed legislation is approved, some 528 schools stand to lose all loan funds for their students because their combined default rate exceeds 25%. This is sure to be an economic blow to colleges already faced with declining enrollments as well as higher costs. But Cedarville College is bucking the trend of today's students who seemingly expect a handout with no responsibility attached. Public Relations Director Ron Coriell reports that Cedarville College's default rate of only one to two percent is one of the lowest in the nation (national average is 18 percent). "And even that is too high," he states. He believes that the reason for Cedarville's excellent record of repayment lies in the dedicated sort of Christian student that attends the college. He adds, "Our Financial Aid Office makes a determined effort to follow up on the few students who are in default."

In a day when the world is getting worse, it is good to see our government being a wiser steward of our tax monies. And it is also good to see our approved schools, like Cedarville College, doing a fine job of administering these funds. Our God is glorified by this kind of stewardship.

Fall Enrollment

Cedarville College is praising the Lord for a record enrollment for the fourth straight year. Over 1,700 students are now on campus, an increase of over 500 since 1979. In addition, college officials note that seven new dormitories have been built since 1979 and eight new academic programs have been instituted since 1977. In the last two years 18 faculty members have been hired.

New faculty for 1982

- Janice Bosma, M.L.S., Reference Librarian
- Debra Brown, M.B.A., Instructor of Marketing
- Marinus Hazen, M.B.A., Assistant Professor of Business
- Charles Dillon, M.S., Asst. Professor of Instructional Media
- Elaine Brown, M.S. Ed., Assistant Professor of Physical Education
- Charles Clevenger, M.A., Assistant Professor of Piano
- Janet Bauer, M.S., Assistant Professor of Nursing

- Julia De Lang, B.A., Lab Instructor, Science Department
- Rex Rogers, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Deborah Horner, M.A., Instructor of Speech
- James Leightenheimer, B.A., Instructor of Broadcasting

Special November Activities

Two special events highlight November; the annual Swordbearer's Conference, November 5-6, with Reese and Kimber Kauffman as speakers, and the fall drama production November 11-13. The play is Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore".

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Symphonic Band Tallies Firsts

The Grand Rapids Baptist College Symphonic Band will score several firsts this year. Rather than a spring tour, the Band will tour November 6-14. The 45-member group will tour churches and schools in the Philadelphia area for the first time with their new director, John Varineau. Other firsts include Peter VanDessel, piano instructor on the Grand Rapids Baptist faculty, who will join the band to perform Gershwin's Concerto in F and combined evening concerts with Christian Day school bands.

Banquets Held For Supporters

October 15 and 16 will see donors, alumni and friends gathering on campus at Grand Rapids Baptist and Seminary for the annual Share-holders' Banquets. Mr. Paul Johnson will be the special speaker. Mr. Johnson is president of Paul H. Johnson, Inc. Building Contractors, of Birmingham, Michigan as well as a leader of and speaker of the Christian Business Men's Committee since 1956.

Touring Groups Wind Up Summer Ministries, Begin Fall Outreach

Two teams finished successful twelve week summer tours for Grand Rapids Baptist College this year. The Proclamation, a nine member vocal team plus faculty representative, toured from Ohio to Florida to Jamaica, up the east coast to New York and through Ontario and Michigan. The Spokesmen, a seven member team which combined singing and instrumental ministries, toured Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

Fall gospel teams, available for ministry now, include the Royal Brass Witness (seven member trumpet ensemble), the Living Witnesses (ten member musical drama team) and a mixed trio (five member primarily vocal team). Each group travels with a faculty representative and is available through the school's Ministries and Services office.

"Spotlight" Highlights Flautist, Pianist

The 1982-83 "Spotlight on the Arts" series will present Mrs. Nancy Dalley, flautist, and Mr. Daniel Horn, pianist, in an October 2 concert. Both musicians hail from the east coast, bringing a variety of musical experience and notable accomplishments to the Seminary Auditorium.

New Aid Director Joins Staff

Paul Doane has been appointed to the Director of Financial Aid position taking the place of Bob Bopp, a six year veteran, who took the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid position at Purdue University of Calumet. Doane is a '74 Grand Rapids Baptist College graduate who also attended the Seminary in 1976-77.

Special Chapel Series Announced

For Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary students daily chapel programs are enriched by special emphasis weeks. Dr. Victor Matthews, bringing a series on "The Believer's Walk" was featured August 30 through September 3 in the College's Spiritual Emphasis Week. Seminary Spiritual Emphasis week featured Dr. Bob Smith, teacher and Bible conference speaker, September 13-17. In the same week Dr. Allan Lewis, Baptist Mid-Missions president, joined other BMM missionaries in the College Missions Emphasis Week.

Varineau New Band Director

John Varineau, Instructor of Music, became Symphonic Band director this fall, following in the footsteps of Gregg Good who founded the band seven years ago. Varineau came to Grand Rapids Baptist College last year. Previously he was Assistant Band Director at Yale University. His broad background includes positions in several symphonies

and chamber orchestras with past teaching positions at the University of Wyoming and Concordia College of Bronxville, New York.

Christine Featured at Royalty/Homecoming

Royalty/Homecoming weekend at Grand Rapids Baptist College this year features Christine Wyrzten in an October 23 concert. Christine's ministry is planned mainly for students and alumni, with some seating available to the public.

Seminary Offers "Take Monday"

Pastors and missionaries are among the many involved in full time ministry included in Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary's "Take Monday" program. This year's ten-week, non-credit, two-hour seminars feature James Grier, new Seminary Dean, speaking on "Clarifying Biblical Values and Making Decisions." Other seminar speakers include: Dr. Howard Sugden, Dr. Donald Veldt and Dr. W. Wilbert Welch.

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Church Musicians Conference

Baptist Bible College and School of Theology held a Church Musicians Weekend Conference on September 17-18. Featured clinicians were Robert Nagel and The King's Brass Quintet. Robert Nagel is on the faculty of Yale University and The Manhattan School of Music. All of the members of The King's Brass are Christians, and are professional musicians from the New York City area.

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ology Night

Theology Night was held on September 21 at the College. Mr. Benjamin Mc-Associate Professor in the Biblical Studies Division, presented the topic, "Theology of The Call to the Ministry."

ives Doctorate

Ronald Clutter of the Biblical Studies Division, recently received his Doctor of Theology Degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. His dissertation is entitled, "The Reorientation of Princeton Theological Seminary: 1900-1929."

Annual Bible Conference

"Abounding in the Work of the Lord" theme of the 51st Annual Bible Conference and Alumni Week being held October 4-8. The "Ministry and Mission of the Local Church" will be addressed by Dr. Daniel Gelatt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Elkhart, Indiana; Rev. Mario Gequillana, pastor of Doane Baptist Church, Iloilo City, Philippines; Dr. Jack Jacobs, pastor of Walnut Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa. Other alumni speakers are Rev. Chuck Smith, assistant pastor of Evangelical Baptist Church, Taylor, Michigan; and Dr. Gary Cook of the Baptist Bible College faculty. Rev. Larry Whiteford, pastor of Fulk Park Baptist Church, Niles, Michigan, will be the featured musician.

ity Recital

Faculty Recital will be presented on October 22. It will feature Dr. Donald Worth, Mr. Charles Wilkes, Mr. Wil McDonald and Mr. Steven Giegerich.

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ual Emphasis Week

Spiritual Emphasis meetings, August 25-27, were a highlight of the first of classes. Gary Butler, 1971 graduate, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Horseheads, New York, engaged the hearts of both new and returning students as they began this new school year.

er and Volleyball Season

Soccer and Women's Volleyball teams are well under way. The Soccer team kicked off their season in a match with St. Paul Bible College September 4, and the Women's Volleyball Team met with Mary Bible College September 9, in the first games of the season.

ess Banquet

FBBC will hold its annual on-campus Mess Banquet, November 5, 1982, 7:30 p.m. in the Gym-Convocation Hall. Current financial standings and plans in several areas will be presented. A Chorale under the direction of Mr. E. Wolfe will provide special music. One with an interest in FBBC is invited to attend the banquet and program. Reservations may be made through your pastor or write to the FBBC Department for further details.

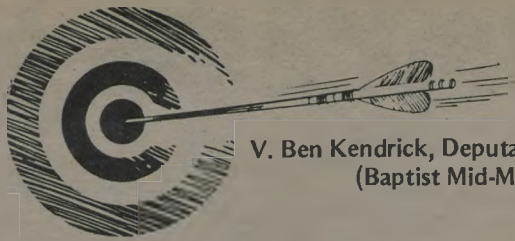
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Prayer letters? Well, they can be enlightening, boring, sad, amusing, frightening, informative and many other things. They certainly represent the communications link between missionaries and their supporting churches.

Seconds from death, flying boards and aluminum sheeting, broken universal joint and fire in the truck were the recent experiences of missionaries Paul and Karla Gault and son, Steve, serving under BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS, in the Central African Republic. Enjoy the blessings of God's protective care of this small family as I share part of their prayer letter with you.

"We were thankful that He was in control when the tornado winds took the entire roof off the house where we were staying in the capital city. Only seconds, and Karla could have been killed by the flying aluminum sheeting and boards. We're glad the winds obey Him. Many helping hands removed our things to another house, so things were not water damaged."

"We were thankful to be in the capital city when Steve broke his leg, so we could get proper medical care. His timing is always perfect. With the supercab set, and after three weeks, we were able to make the long journey back to Bakouma. We were greeted royally by many sympathetic friends."

"It was a longer journey, as the carrier bearing the U-joint had to be changed along the way. A rim was ruined and we almost lost the wheel, but in time Paul noticed something was wrong! Two lug bolts broke and we lost three nuts. A fire broke out under the hood, due to a long jack handle that "jumped out" of place, because of rough roads, and shorted out the battery. How glad we were that again He was in control and no serious damage was done to other parts of the motor. It rained most of the last 100 miles so the road was very difficult in places, but the Lord saw us home safely."

Translating the Word of God into languages so others can have and read it, is a monumental task, but a very blessed one. Warren Davis, working among the Navajo Indians, under FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS, gives the following report:

"We finished Genesis today! We spent 22 days (long days) typing this month and have been pleased (and thankful) with our progress. At the end of the month, we had reached Exodus 29. The last few days we were able to get three pages done (per day) rather than the usual two. The machine has been performing well and we're thankful for this."

"We had a special treat on the 23rd when we were invited to join others for a picnic out in the badlands around Bisti where we first started to work among the Navajos, 36 years ago. We had not been back for YEARS and the occasion was to honor a 97 year old missionary (widow) who was also in the work at that time. A number of young Navajo parents stood to give thanks and recognition to several of us "old timers" who were present. They spoke appreciation for the sound foundation we have given them as children, which has stayed with them through life and which they are now trying to impact on their children. It was a time of contrasts, since a number of the Navajos, who were there, are now older, uneducated and still illiterate. Yet, there was a bond in Christ and sweet fellowship, as we sang, prayed and visited together."

Our congratulations to CONTINENTAL BAPTIST MISSIONS for the excellent name they have chosen for themselves. Since its beginning in 1942, this fine mission agency has been involved in evangelizing and church planting on the North American continent. Today, as a family of nearly 200 missionaries, it continues to stand uncompromisingly on the Word of God, reaching out to neighboring Canada and New Mexico, as well as working in 18 states. It's very capable and energetic director, Rev. Arthur Cunningham, is to be commended for his outstanding leadership.

What is a short-term missionary? What is the rationale to this type of labor for God? ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORD EVANGELISM has found an increasing number of professionally trained Christians who are expressing interest in assisting the Lord's servants overseas for a few months, to a period of up to two years. Of course, opportunities of this kind are more or less restricted to specialized ministries which can be performed without extensive language and cultural orientation. It is amazing though how much of a foreign language is absorbed by these wonderful helpers.

The hospital in Bangladesh has been the recipient of the talents of many Stateside surgeons, who have given of their expertise for several months to fill vital needs. Not only physicians lend their skills to the overall missionary endeavors. The cause of missions has been advanced by teachers, translators, printers, nurses and houseparents, who have found joy and fulfillment in serving in some remote part of God's vineyard.

A retired printer and his wife dreamed of helping the cause of Christ through printing. The answer came to him in meeting a need in the Philippines. A missionary family in Japan desperately needed a teacher for their high school children. A young lady volunteered for the assignment and is now in Kagoshima, Japan. The translation team in Chittagong, Bangladesh, felt they could benefit from a Hebrew scholar as they translated the Old Testament into common language Bengali. A young man is now diligently undertaking this assignment and is thrilled to be a part of such a momentous opportunity.

The concept of the short-term missionary is certainly not a new one, but it is being developed more and meeting vital needs. ABWE is grateful to God for the many who have, and are now rendering such useful service for their Lord.

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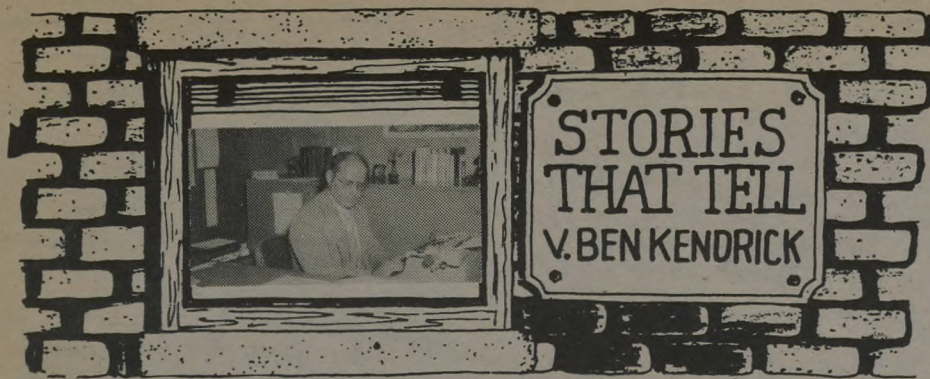
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"Uncle Ben" and "Aunt Nina" are loved as second parents by many MKs (missionary kids). They are two of the hardest workers who have crossed my path. No physical or mental effort is spared doing their God-appointed task.

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Safe at Last

THE HUGE COLUMNS OF BLACK SMOKE reached like fingers into the bright blue sky. Dan could see in the distance the hawks flying low over the burning brush. Now and then one would swoop down to the ground to snatch a fleeing rat or perhaps a dazed lizard. He could see the flames leaping high above the trees. Never was he so scared in all his life. He turned to his African companion, who stood studying the pattern of the fire's approach. "What shall we do now, Bissi? It looks like we are trapped between the fire and the river."

Dan recalled how, that morning at breakfast, his father told him to be extra careful if he planned to go anywhere in the forest. "This is the week for the annual fire hunt, and the workmen tell me that it possibly could be today."

Young Dan knew all about the annual fire. He had often gone with his father to some safe spot to observe the advancing red army as it left its destruction behind it. "I'll be careful, Dad," said Dan. "Bissi wants me to check his traps with him, but he told me that we'll go right after breakfast and check only the three nearest ones."

"We'll just go the first three traps like I told you yesterday, Dan," said Bissi. "The other four are too far out in the forest. I suppose we could make those, too, if we hurried, but I remember too well what happened last year." Bissi was referring to two nearby villagers who died as they tried to get some honey before the fire reached it.

The boys made good time as they walked to the traps. Bissi was disappointed that they contained no game. "Let's go see the fourth trap, Dan," the young African had said. "I don't see any smoke in the sky yet, which means that they haven't started the fire."

They were about halfway to the trap when they had noticed the smoke. Someone had set fire to the grass at the mission compound, probably to make a firebreak around the mission property. The red and orange monster spread rapidly, blocking all ways of escape for Dan and Bissi. The boys had retreated farther and farther into the forest until they found themselves approaching the river.

Bissi looked at his American friend. "We are going to have to get into the river, Dan. I know it's filled with crocodiles, but we don't have a choice." Dan shivered at the thought. Bissi knew his friend was afraid. "Come on, Dan. I have an idea. Help build a cage for us."

"A cage! Bissi, do you know what you're saying?"

With Dan close behind, Bissi ran the remaining hundred yards to the riverbank. Dan took a look at the vast body of water and froze in his tracks. As far as he could see up and down the river, crocodiles were lazily floating on top of the water. The fire was driving all kinds of animals into the river for protection. Instead of finding a haven, the plunge turned out to be death in the powerful jaws of the crocodiles.

"Hurry, Dan, we haven't much time," said the young African as he began to cut some bamboo into ten-foot lengths.

Dan followed suit and started chopping as fast as he could swing his machete. The pile of poles quickly grew as the boys feverishly worked.

"While you finish cutting the poles, I'll get some bark to use as rope," said Bissi, running into a nearby thicket.

Within a short time, the boys built a four-sided bamboo cage about ten feet high. Following Bissi's instruction, they slipped it over the bank and into the water.

"You have to get in, Dan, and you must do it now." Bissi managed a smile to try to encourage his American friend. "Let's go, Dan," called Bissi as he leaped into the top of the cage. The slender African sunk to the bottom and then bobbed to the top like a cork.

Dan saw a large crocodile push its nose up against the bamboo poles not more than two feet from Bissi. The fire had reached the riverbank in several places and was quickly approaching the spot where Dan stood. "Lord," he prayed, "save us from the fire and the crocodiles." Without hesitating any longer, he jumped into the cage.

"Hang on to the back wall of the cage, Dan," yelled Bissi. "Don't get near the other three sides."

As Bissi gave instructions to Dan, he worked at tying the crude bamboo cage with bark rope to the roots which stuck out of the water. This made the cage more stable and secure. Within minutes the fire was upon them. All kinds of small animals were jumping off the bank like little divers. Now and then a large splash would tell the boys that a larger animal had just jumped to its death among the waiting crocodiles. The large angry flames leaped out over the heads of the two boys as they clung to the cage.

"Get low in the water," called Bissi. "Stay under as long as you can."

Each time Dan came up for air, he thought the fire was bigger and hotter. One thing which made him feel a bit better was that the fire drove the crocodiles away from the cage and toward the center of the river to wait for their prey.

Finally Bissi looked at Dan and smiled. "We can get out, Dan. There's no danger now from the fire."

Dan quickly climbed over the top of the cage onto the riverbank. He turned to look at the bamboo shelter that had saved their lives. Not more than six feet from the structure three huge crocodiles were moving in fast. How thankful he was that they were now on the bank and that their lives had been spared.

"Dan, I must tell you something," said Bissi, somewhat surprising Dan with the seriousness in his voice.

The American looked at his friend, whom he had known for about two years. "What is it, Bissi?"

"Well, I don't know how to begin," said Bissi as he hesitated. "You see, I've known about Jesus and what He did for me ever since my parents moved to the village next to the mission compound. Because we lived so close, I began to attend teen classes. You remember, Dan? That's where we first met."

"I remember, Bissi," said Dan, listening closely to what his friend had to say.

"Well, what I'm trying to say is that I've never really accepted Jesus. The fire, as well as the crocodiles, could have taken both our lives, but the cage saved us."

Dan hardly knew what to say to his friend. "You're right. The cage was like Jesus, only He saves us for eternity." The tears trickled out of Dan's eyes and ran down his face.

"Dan," said Bissi, "would you pray with me? Would you help me say the right words to ask Jesus to come into my heart?"

"I'll be glad to pray with you, Bissi," responded Dan with emotion in his voice.

The two boys bowed their heads and prayed as Bissi asked Christ to forgive him of his sins and save him. It was a

happy but concerned pair of teenage boys who made their way toward home. Walking was much easier, and they made good time. Before long, they heard someone calling their names.

"They're calling from that direction," said Dan with excitement. Soon they were joined by Pastor Daniel and one of the church deacons.

"Your father is right behind us, Dan," said the happy pastor. "He'll be glad to see you."

Dan could see the distraught look on his father's face disappear as he ran toward him. "Dad, I'm sorry I've caused you and Mom to worry. We really didn't mean to go that far. We would have made it back, but the fire started behind us and made it impossible for us to turn."

Tom Kemp put his arms around Dan. "Thank the Lord that you boys are safe. We thought you were trapped in the fire. One of the workmen started a back fire by mistake. He didn't know you boys were in the forest."

"Well, Mr. Kemp," spoke up Bissi, "I hadn't been for that fire, I would know Jesus as my Savior right now."

The boys explained what had happened to them and the decision that Bissi made after they came out of the river. The veteran missionary reached out and hugged the two boys. "Let's hurry home, boys." He looked at Dan. "Your mother is waiting to hear that you boys are safe." He turned to Bissi and smiled. "I mean really safe."

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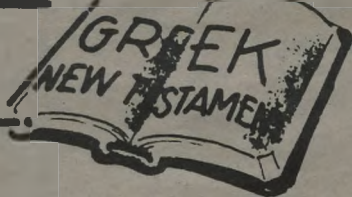
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A Current Essential For Believers

In the paragraph occurring in 1 Thess. 5:19-24, one of the admonitions may be cited as particularly interesting and important in a list of imperatives all of which are essential to us. In vs. 19, Paul's injunction is: "Quench not the Spirit." It is indispensable for Christians today that they know and experience the full warmth, light, and enabling of the Holy Spirit, and that as a result they continue to keep themselves away from every kind of appearance of that which is evil.

This admonition refers to the Holy Spirit of God indwelling us, not to our own human spirit, and not to the "spirit" of the new life within us. Paul says:

"The (Holy) Spirit do not quench." The Apostle is not referring to special miraculous charismata such as speaking in tongues, healings, prophetic pronouncements, and special signs and visions, so popular in the present day. He speaks of the whole work of the Holy Spirit in believers. All true Christians are addressed here. All of us are to let the Holy Spirit of God guide, prompt, and direct us, and not to squelch His holy promptings.

The verb rendered "quench" in the KJV is the Greek sbennutai, "to extinguish, quench." In the Papyri, it is used to mean: "Extinguish, put out," of a fire; also "wash out, erase, efface." It occurs in the Septuagint Version in much the same sense, as for example in Lev. 6:12-13,

"The fire upon the altar . . . shall not be put out . . . The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar, it shall never go out." Job 21:17 reads: "How often is the lamp of the wicked put out!" Isa. 42:3 has: "And the smoking flax shall He not quench. . . ." And in Song of Solomon 8:7, we read: "Many waters cannot quench love. . ."

In the New Testament the word appears 8 times: Matt. 12:20, "quench," (sbesei), quoted from the Old Testament, Isa. 42:3. In Matt. 25:8, we have: "for our lamps are gone out" (sbennuntai). Mark 9:44, 46, 48 have in each verse,

"And the fire is not quenched" (sbennutai). In all of these passages the verb has the sense of "extinguish, be extinguished." In Ephesians 6:16, we are instructed to "take up the shield of faith, with which ye shall be able to quench (sbesai) all the fiery darts of the wicked one." Here the verb means: "to extinguish." The metaphor here is taken from the fire-arrows of ancient warfare: arrows carrying a bulb filled with a burning substance, or tipped with

burning cotton and pitch. The holding up of the shield caught these missiles, repelled and smashed them to the ground, thus extinguishing them. The fiery arrows here are Satan's assaults, sudden and terrible, missiles of dreadful suggestions to evil, unaccountable impulses to doubt, resist, or compromise, horrible insinuations about the person of Christ and our own state of being, wicked thoughts that come hard against our minds and consciences, seeking to stab and penetrate into our inner man, and many other such projectiles for Satan's launching against us. He has a great supply of these burning arrows, and he knows how to use them. Therefore, we must take up the shield of faith, i.e. hold up - not our own subjective faith in God - but that faith which is the Word, the objective body of truth and doctrine - with our whole heart believing it and relying upon its verity and power. Hold that up to the devil, and it will repel and smash and extinguish all of Satan's deadly missiles. We must remember that common, ordinary shields of our own making, even though they be supposedly pious and religious in nature - cannot extinguish Satan's flaming arrows. It is the objective faith of the Word of God that is our one and only shield.

Heb. 11:34 has the verb in a similar sense, and the final use of the word is the passage in 1 Thess. 5:19, where a literal rendering will read: "The (Holy) Spirit do not extinguish," and the present imperative denotes a continued course of action - "keep on never extinguishing." The point in this verse is that we are not to extinguish the holy fire lighted by the Spirit of God, burning on the altar of our hearts. This takes place when the warmth, desire, fervor, obedience, and conviction that the Holy Spirit kindles in us are hindered, repressed, stifled, and thus extinguished by carnal, worldly opinions, objections, and actions. As Lenki remarks: "Who has not seen many a good suggestion, plan, appeal, which certainly came from the Holy Spirit, literally extinguished in whole or in part by unspiritual objections of ignorant or hostile brethren?" All too

From Our Readers

"We read the article written by Ben Kendrick in the July issue of the O.I.B. It is good to know the circumstances and to be challenged to do our part. Especially when it is something we enjoy as much as we do the O.I.B. We travel around the country. We have our copy sent to our daughter and she forwards it to us - and that is just like receiving a letter from home . . ." (with a generous check enclosed. Ed.)

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"Pray earnestly, sincerely, accurately, definitely, lovingly, trustingly, but pray. And remember that prayer is the simplest utterance of the heart, and that it is the laying hold of God's willingness, never the pressing of His reluctance. Take Jesus Christ not only to be your Master, but likewise your Friend, remembering that there can never come to you a darkness that He cannot make light for you, that there cannot be a weakness for which He is not able to give you strength, and that even in the depths of your greatest need, you cannot possibly want to come to Him so much as He wants to have you come."

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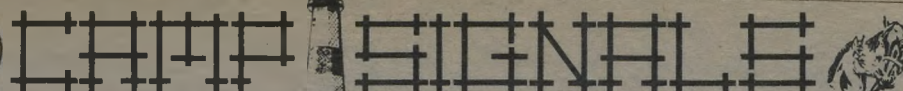
August 29 was another day of victory for the Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Baltimore. The Sunday morning service found 77 in attendance, breaking the old record. Rev. Don Gommesen is pastor at Baltimore.

For a special service, held in the afternoon, the congregation met in the present building, now outgrown, and then walked across the street to conduct a victory service in the multi-purpose room of the local elementary school building.

This afternoon service was attended by approximately 100. Special letters of congratulations were read from Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative of the G.A.R.B.C., Dr. William Brock, State Representative of the O.A.R.B.C., Rev. David Smith, Director of Galilean Baptist Mission, Rev. Wayne Ritchie, Field Representative of the G.B.M., and Dr. Ernest Pickering, Chairman of the Council of 18 of the G.A.R.B.C. Special music was furnished by the choir of Calvary Baptist Church of Lancaster and the ladies of Walnut Creek. The speaker for this memorable time was Rev. Errol Jameson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan. Rev. Jameson serves on the Board of G.B.M., the mission agency helping to develop the work at Baltimore.

Pastor Gommesen, serving under the G.B.M., came to Walnut Creek in February of 1981. The average attendance those first months was 15. Walnut Creek participated in the G.B.M. Sunday School contest in 1981 and had a high attendance of 52, with an average of 39. Since that time the attendance has continued to increase.

The church will use the school for its Sunday School and morning service and continue to use their former building for Sunday evening and mid-week service. This beginning work is laying plans to erect a new building on the 8 acres of ground presently containing the smaller building and parsonage. During these economic times, Walnut Creek enlists the prayers and interest of God's people in the fellowship of the O.A.R.B.C.



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Summer Report

We praise God for all the many blessings of summer camping 1982. A total of 659 campers attended the six week program. (This was a 1% increase over 1981.) God worked in many hearts as we saw at least 26 come to accept Christ and renewing their walk with God. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Grounds Update

The "new look" of the dining hall provided a great atmosphere for campers as they fellowshiped around the food tables this past summer. We thank the Lord for providing the materials, workers, and funds to complete this important project.

The Steed-McKeever Chapel also has "new surroundings"! The Cheek Memorial Deck is a beautiful addition around the lakeside of the chapel that will allow campers to enjoy a peaceful area to meditate and observe the beauty of God's creation. We say a big thank you to those who donated the funds and materials to make this decking possible. We especially thank Chief Bald Eagle from Wyandot Village (J. Howard Yoder from West Liberty, Ohio) for spearheading the construction of this project.

Retreat News

Now is the time to begin to pencil in on your calendars the dates of our 1983 Winter and Spring Retreats. You won't want to miss these special times of fellowship. In fact, our men's retreat last spring was so popular that we had to turn registrations away. To help solve that problem in 1983, two fantastic men's retreats have been planned which include two outstanding speakers. So, get your reservations in early at the Reservation.

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